Simplification of Immigration Process

*316. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact there have been large number of complaints about the processes and poor co-ordination among eight Protectorate of Emigrants offices in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken for simplifying the immigration process, by making it transparent, so that increasing number of Indian workers travelling abroad would be benefited?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) With a view to make the emigration clearance process simple and transparent, promote orderly and humane migration and ensure better protection and welfare of the emigrant workers, the process of amending the Emigration Act is already underway. Besides, steps are also underway to streamline the emigration procedures. The Ministry has also initiated a proposal for introduction of e-governance in emigration for making the emigration process transparent and efficient.

Shortage of postal staff

*317. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacant posts in the Postal Department, category-wise;

(b) whether Government are aware that the ordinary postal delivery has become irregular due to shortage of staff; and

(c) the steps to be taken to fill the vacant posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) The category-wise number of vacant posts in the Department of Posts is as under:—